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SUBJECT: TARAPUR: NUCLEAR DISCUSSIONS WITH INDIA

REF: NEW DELHI 7690

1. THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF A TALKING PAPER WHICH THE
AMBASSADOR LEFT WITH THE FOREIGN SECRETARY FOLLOWING HIS
CONVERSATION ON NUCLEAR MATTERS ON SATURDAY, MAY 28.

2. GEGIN TEXT: 1. AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, IF INDIA EXPLODES
ANOTHER NUCLEAR DEVICE, IT MUST EXPECT FURTHER US NUCLEAR
COOPERATION TO END, INCLUDING SUPPLY OF TARAPUR. (PARA) 2.
LARGELY TECHNICAL PROBLEMS THAT WE SIH TO DISCUSS IN THE
PROPOSED NEGOTIATIONS INCLUDE: A. FIRM ARRANGEMENTS FOR
DISPOSITION OF THE SPENT FUEL DISCHARGED FROM THE TARAPUR
REACTORS, AND ARRANGEMENT OF EXPANDED STORAGE CAPACITY THERE.
B. CONTINUATION OF SAFEGUARDS ON TARAPUR AND OF THE US
RIGHTS ON TARAPUR SPENT FUEL, SHOULD WE BE COMPELLED TO
TERMINATE SUPPLY. C. SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF HEAVY
WATER QUESTIONS AT CIRUS AND RAPP. ESPECIALLY TO BE NOTED
IS THAT INDIAN ACCEPTANCE OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS ON BOTH RAPP
I AND II IS ESSENTIAL TO US SUPPORT IN THE IAEA BOARD OF
GOVERNSORS ON THE MATER OF SOVIET HEAVY WATER SHIPEMTNS TO
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RAPP NOW UNDER NEGOTIATION. (PARA) 3. BORADER PROBLEMSN THAT
WE WISH TO RAISE IN THE PROPOSED NEOGITATIONS INCLUDE:
A. WE HOPE INDIA MAY CONCLUDE AFTER FURTHER STUDY THAT
"PEACEFUL/ MUCLEAR TESTS ARE NO LONGER NEEDED AND MAY THEN
JOIN IN COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE US
AND OTHERS. B. WHILE WE RECONGIZE WHEN INDIA HAS BEEN UNWILLING
IN THE PAST TO ACCEPT FULL-SCOPE SAFEGUARDS, WE HOPE THAT

THE LARGER GLOBAL IMPERATIVES OF PEACE AND STABILITY MAY BE
SEEN BY YOUR NEW GOVERNMENT TO
JUSTIFY ACCEPTANCE OF THIS
NEARLY UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTED SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS.
C. DISCUSSION IS ALSO SOUGHT ON THE POSSIBILITY OF INDIA
ADOPTING EXPORT POLICIES
PARALLELING THOSE OF OTHER MAJOR NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS,
INCLUDING COMMON EXPORT GUIDELINES. D. FINALLY, WE WISH
TO WORK WITH INDIA IN THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR
FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION PROGRAM, DESIGNED TO EXPLORE SAFE AND
ECONOMICAL WAYS BY WHICH FUTURE NUCLEAR ENERGY NEEDS CAN
BE MET. WE BELIEVE THAT INDIA SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE
SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE INFCEP, AND ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO
THE POTENTIAL USES OF THORIUM. END TEXT.
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